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William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Ex Parte meeting in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr Caton:

On April 10, 2002, Karen Hardie, representing the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), Dian Callaghan, representing the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel, Lynne Montgomery, representing the Civil Rights Forum on Communications Policy, Christopher Day, representing the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops et al., and Ron Binz, representing NASUCA members in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Maine and Maryland met by telephone conference call with Commissioner Thomas J. Dunleavy of the New York State Public Service Commission to discuss the Notice of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service concerning the eligibility requirements for Lifeline and Link-Up services.

The presentations concerned the comments filed by NASUCA, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, et al. and the Civil Rights Forum on Communications Policy in this docket. Copies of the parties' filed comments were provided in the meeting along with the attached handout summarizing the positions of these parties.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Binz

Attachment